

MINUTES OF MEETING

A meeting of the **Ad Hoc Transfer Station Review Committee** was held in Meeting Room A of the CJH Municipal Center, 1 School St. Bethel, CT on April 7, 2016

**Present:** A.J. Bernard, Nick Ellis, Kitty Grant, B.J. Liberty,

**Absent:** Kevin Sheehan, with notice

**Guests:** Transfer station manager Mike Flanagan. Paula Antolini of the Bethel Advocate, Phil Lopresti of Lopresti Carting, Joe Lostocco of Lostocco Services, Jerry Antomacci of American Carting

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by AJ Bernard.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Minutes of the March 3, 2016 meeting: N. Ellis noted that Mike Flanagan and Paul Szatkowski are not voting members of the committee and therefore, should be listed as guests. He made a motion to approve the minutes with that one change, second by B.J. Liberty, all in favor.

A.J. Bernard made a motion to change the start time of the May 5 meeting from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Due to a scheduling conflict. K. Grant seconded the motion, all in favor.

N. Ellis introduced the three representatives of local carting companies. Phil Lopresti led the discussion regarding cost-saving measures that Bethel can undertake to make the Transfer Station profitable, notably privatizing the management of the operation. The town would still own the Transfer Station. This proposal was something he had worked on years ago and has attempted to revisit the suggestion with the various First Selectmen since then. He suggested that he was willing to do a joint venture with one or both of the other carting companies. Plans would include installing a scale and having five roll-offs to sort recyclables. The roll-offs could be placed close together, so space requirements would be minimal.

Mr. Lopresti stated that the most important thing to do would be to increase the amount of refuse going through the Transfer Station to 300 tons a day. Trucks would unload into trailers which would need to be covered and would be rotating in and out of the property when full. M. Flanagan stated that the present volume is only about 8-10 tons a week.

The problem of the low bridge heading back into town was brought up. Mr. Lostocco said that while the large trucks cannot fit under it, the 30-yard roll-offs that would be used for recycling materials can fit. Mr. Lopresti stated that the trailers would be going directly to Bridgeport so the bridge would not be an issue.

The three carting company representatives and members of the Transfer Committee will meet at the Transfer Station on Monday April 11, 2016 to review the blue prints that Mr. Lopresti had drawn up years ago and see if they would still work with the present configuration.

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**Old Business:**

- Mike Flanagan gave updates on the transfer station & new requirements. DEP has a "Comprehensive Management Strategy" which presently requires 25% of refuse be recycled. This requirement will be going up to 45% on July 1, 2018. Hearings are scheduled on this issue in Harford on April 13 and April 22. One problem is that there are not accurate numbers to work with in determining if these goals are being met.
- The Transfer Station Facebook site is up but M. Flanagan was not made an administrator so he is not able to make changes or post pictures. He is planning to create a Transfer Station Facebook site himself.
- The Transfer Station sign proposal is in the works. It is scheduled to go to Planning & Zoning for approval. The design differs greatly from that suggested by this Committee. Paula Antolini presented mock-ups of some other signs that she thought would be of help to people navigating through the Transfer Station site.
- A. J. Bernard discussed the Municipal Station Permit: This is a renewal of an old permit, but the renewal form does not give many details. The original needs to be located to ascertain what the permit covers and what its requirements are. One requirement apparently is to have a map of the transfer station posted at the site.

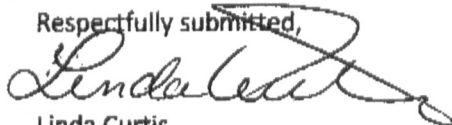
**New Business:**

- Statistics were not yet available to enable the committee to work on alternative pricing plans.
- A line item for the Transfer Station in the amount of \$181,500 is included in the proposed 2016-2017 town budget.
- Presentations to the BPUC are on hold for the time being.

A.J. Bernard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 pm, K. Grant seconded, all in favor.

The next meeting will be on May 5, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Curtis  
Recording Secretary